

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4646

To designate certain National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 2000

Mr. GOODE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 1 of the Act entitled “An
5 Act to designate certain National Forest System lands in
6 the States of Virginia and West Virginia as wilderness
7 areas”, approved June 7, 1988 (102 Stat. 584) is
8 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and
4 inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraphs:

7 “(7) certain lands in the George Washington
8 National Forest, which comprise approximately
9 6,500 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
10 ‘The Priest Wilderness Study Area’, dated June 6,
11 2000, and which shall be known as the Priest Wil-
12 derness Area; and

13 “(8) certain lands in the George Washington
14 National Forest, which comprise approximately
15 4,800 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
16 ‘The Three Ridges Wilderness Study Area’, dated
17 June 6, 2000, and which shall be known as the
18 Three Ridges Wilderness Area.”.

19 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—Sec-
20 tion 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to designate certain
21 national forest system lands in the States of Virginia and
22 West Virginia as wilderness areas”, approved June 7,
23 1988 (102 Stat. 584) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “Subject” and inserting “(a) IN
25 GENERAL.—Subject”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
4 the designations made by paragraphs (7) and (8) of sec-
5 tion 1 shall not prevent the fire fighting companies and
6 rescue squads and crews of Nelson County, Virginia, or
7 any other county in Virginia, from cutting trees or other
8 plant life or from using any type of motorized equipment
9 or vehicle in the course of fighting fires or responding to
10 emergencies in the Priest Wilderness Area, the Three
11 Ridges Wilderness Area, or any unit of the National For-
12 est System that is adjacent to those wilderness areas.”.

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